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Applicant Microsoft Corporation
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Title: Exception Handling

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION DATED
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To: Mail Stop Amendment
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REMARKS

This Reply is responsive to an Office Action dated November 28, 2007. In the Action, the Office issued a requirement for information under 37 C.F.R. §1.105. Specifically, the Office states the following:

2. The Examiner's prior art search revealed co-pending application 09/997,056 filed under a common assignee which includes a number of intervening references that have been asserted in rejecting the co-pending application under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). The Examiner contends that the acquisition of exception handling and/or unwind information upon the occurrences of an exception within an address range bounded by a begin address and an end address in the co-pending application required for enabling the current invention constitute prior art.

3. To make the record clear the examiner is requiring all of applicant's co-pending applications along with prior arts cited, and Information Disclosure Statements filed as part of the co-pending applications that are related to the acquiring of exception handling and/or unwind information upon the occurrences of an exception within an address range bounded by a begin address and an end address.

Aside from the '056 application that the Office references above, Applicant is unaware of any applications that are related to the current '267 application. In a telephone call with Examiner Wu on March 27, 2008, the Examiner stated that he would personally access the IDSs and references cited in the '056 application during the prosecution of the current '267 application. As such, the Examiner stated that

Applicant did not need to provide this information with this Response. Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Wu for this indication.

Additionally, in the Action, the Office states the following:

§. In response to this requirement, please provide:

- a. A copy of any non-patent literature, published application, or patent (U.S. or foreign), by any of the inventors, that relates to the claimed invention or that was used to draft the application (i.e. information used in background of invention).**

In response to this request, Applicant directs the Office to a document entitled *Itanium™ Software Conventions and Runtime Architecture Guide*, which is being provided with a concurrently-filed IDS. Applicant submits that this document may have been used by the drafter to draft the background portion of the current '267 application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early notice of allowance. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, Applicant respectfully requests the Office to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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